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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A grill brush ~~for cleaning generally parallel spaced grate bars of a grill, wherein said grate bars have a top surface, side surfaces and a length and form a grate surface contour along a cross-section in a plane orthogonal to said length, said grill brush comprising:~~

a handle portion;

a head portion extending from said handle portion, said head portion having a first surface; and

a plurality of deformable metallic bristles mounted to and extending from said first surface of said head portion, said plurality of deformable metallic bristles being disposed in a plurality of generally parallel and alternating first and second rows, said bristles in said first rows having a length greater than the length of the bristles in said second row ~~of different lengths and providing a non-planar bristle surface contour configured to scrub both top and side surfaces of said spaced grate bars when said grill brush is urged into contact with said grate bars and moved back and forth in an intended direction of use at least partially along said length.~~

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2. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said first and second rows of plurality of bristles have first and second lengths are mounted to said first surface in a predetermined pattern to form adjacent generally parallel rows of bristles of first and second lengths, wherein said first length is greater than said second length.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein ~~at least some of said plurality of bristles~~ in each of said plurality of second rows have varying lengths to provide second row surfaces and ~~said plurality of bristles are mounted to said first surface in a predetermined pattern to provide a bristle surface each having a contoured~~ contour cross section that is configured to generally engages correspond to the top surface of a corresponding grate bar of a grill grate and at least a portion of said side surfaces of said grate bars.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The grill brush of claim 4 wherein said ~~bristle surface contour is specified to generally correspond to~~

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~~said grate surface contour~~ countoured cross-section is a generally convex cross-section.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The grill brush of claim 71 wherein said bristles are brass.

9. (Currently amended) The grill brush of claim 81 wherein said bristles are stainless steel.

10. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said head portion has a front end opposing said handle and said grill brush further includes a metallic scraper mounted to said front end.

11. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 further including an abrasive pad supporting member extending from said head portion, said grill brush further including an abrasive pad mounted to said supporting member.

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12. (Currently amended) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said head portion and said handle ~~form~~ are an integral unitary structure.

13. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said head portion and said handle portion are formed of wood.

14. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said head portion and said handle portion are formed of plastic.

15. (Currently Amended) The grill brush of claim 1 further including a plurality of metallic eyes, wherein said plurality of deformable metallic bristles comprises u-shaped portions that extend through respective ones of said metallic eyes, said metallic eyes being press fit into corresponding recesses within said ~~first surface head portion~~ to securely retain said plurality of bristles within said head portion.

16. (Original) The grill brush of claim 1 wherein said head portion and handle portion comprise an integral molded structure, and at least a portion of each of said plurality of bristles ~~are~~

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is molded into said head portion to securely retain said plurality of bristles within said head portion.

17. (Original) A grill cleaning system comprising:

a grill grate having a plurality of generally parallel spaced grate bars, ~~wherein each of said grate bars have~~ having a top surface, side surfaces and a length. and said grate bars forming a grate surface contour along a cross-section in a plane orthogonal to said length, said grate bars having centerlines spaced by a first distance; and

a grill brush configured for use with said grill grate, said grill brush including a handle portion, a head portion extending from said handle portion, said head portion having a first surface, and a plurality of metallic bristles mounted to and extending from said first surface of said head portion, said plurality of bristles ~~being of different lengths and~~ providing a non-planar bristle surface contour forming a plurality of generally parallel spaced recesses extending at least partially along the length of said head portion, each of said recesses having a cross-section configured to generally confront a corresponding grate bar when said grill brush is disposed in abutting relation with said grill grate with said grate bars

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~~disposed within corresponding recesses of said bristle surface configured to scrub both top and side surfaces of said spaced grated bars when said grill brush is urged into contact with said grate bars and moved back and forth in an intended direction of use at least partially along said length, wherein said bristle surface contour includes generally parallel recesses having recess centerlines spaced by said first distance.~~

18. (Original) The grill cleaning system of claim 17 wherein said recesses are generally rectangular.

19. (New) The grill cleaning system of claim 17 wherein said recesses have a generally concave cross-section.